GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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ENHANCEMENT OF UNIT COST UNDER WATERSHED DEVELOPMENFT PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Revised Guidelines of Watershed lopment were issued way back in 1995-96;

(b) if so, whether the unit cost under the watershed ?elopment Programme was fixed at Rs. 4000/- per tare to saturate the Watersheds;

(c) whether the above unit cost is sufficient in view the increased wage rates during the last seven years; and

(d) if not, the steps taken by the Government to !crease the unit cost per hectare for the Watersheds?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL) :

a) to (d) The Ministry of Rural Development issued the [GUidelines for Watershed Development in October 1994 which have come into force w.e.f 1.4.1995 These Guidelines are common to all the three major area development programmes being administered by the Ministry namely the Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP), the Drough Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and the Desert Development Programme (DDP). The unit cost of development under these programmes has since been revised to RS.6000/- per hectare for the projects sanctioned w.e.f 1.4.2000.